

Colchester Dog Park Subcommittee Minutes  
October 13, 2009 @ 7:00 PM  
Colchester Town Hall

ATTENDING: Keith Kelley, Amanda Nelson, Tom Nelson, Kathryn Noel, Carol Small, Janice Felciano, Kim Preirti, Coutu, Amy Stula

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Keith Kelley
2. September minutes approved.
3. Amanda reported the treasury as follows:
  - Total \$27861.39
  - Walk-a-thon brought in \$3289.36 (expenditures were \$1070.19)
  - Brick sales to date are \$1570.00
  - Pumpkins 'n Pooches approx \$165.00
  - Carol reported that her crafts sales have brought in \$273.00!
4. Walk-a-thon report;  
See treasurer's report. There were nine vendors at the event. Amanda reported that a few called at the last minute and she had to say no to them. The event was very successful and a lot of fun. We made a lot of money from the silent auction items.
5. Carol reported her email communications from Scotties. They are closing for the season on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>. They did not want to stock up on food for an event on their last day. Due to the timing the group decided not to do a Fall Hot Dog Day. We will leave it for a 2010 event if Scotties is willing to do it again.
6. The order forms for the bricks need to be modified to include the images now available, pricing and instructions. Also, someone needs to check the web site to see if it is up and running properly and if it includes the images.
7. Amanda will do a press release thru Jay Cohen about the commemorative bricks and how to order them. We need to keep our project in people's minds.
8. Keith and Jay to work on next spring as a time to get out bids for contracts to start the Dog Park. Carol suggested press coverage when we first break ground.  
The committee is asked to look for contractors and the possibility of discounts or donations of work.  
Keith has spoken with Luther Fencing. This is the company that fenced the Groton and New London Dog Parks. We previously had an estimate from the Fenceman for \$27,000 for a 4' fence with top rail.  
Luther Fencing gave estimates of:

4' fence with no top rail	\$17,500
4' fence with top rail	\$18,700
5' fence with no top rail	\$18,500
5' fence with top rail	\$20,000

  
Vinyl fencing would be the same cost as galvanized.  
Prices include all materials, concrete fence pole bases and labor.  
We will need to do a spring cleanup of the site. Keith said that Parks and Rec. employees may be able to work this fall during their slow time.  
CL&P will need to remove one pole. There are two other poles that are not theirs that need to be removed. There are also guide wires from one pole that need to be protected.  
It was suggested that we erect a sign that says, "Future Home of the Colchester Dog Park".

9. Future Fundraising ideas:

a). Holiday photos of dogs: Amanda to check with Photo Connections to see if they are interested. Could be done at Photo Connections, Fire Hall or Town Hall. We could sell items at this event.

b). 5K in the Spring. This could begin and end at our site. Could include a 1K, 3K and 5K run.

c). Another walk-a-thon.

d). Tom to look into the costs of making a calendar of dogs to sell next year.

e). Need ideas for Jan/Feb/Mar

10. Kim has water left over and wants to sell at cost. She has 6 cases at \$4 a case and 2 larger cases at \$5 a case.

11. Keith suggested a pot-luck supper for the Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

12. Next meeting is Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall